





BUT...

HE
DITCHED
IT?



AS IT
SAYS ON THE
POSTED PAPER,
HE DITCHED
BEING CAPTAIN
OF THE
INVESTMENT
CLUB AND
HAS GONE
SOMEWHERE.



OUR
PROFITS
WILL BE
UNPRECED-
ENTEDLY
HIGH!

...HE
WAS SO
FIRED UP
YESTERDAY.



IN JUST
ONE
DAY...



HE
MUST'VE
CHANGED
HIS MIND
TODAY.



HE WAS
PROBABLY
JUST
PUTTING UP
A STRONG
FRONT
YESTERDAY.

MAYBE
IT WAS
TOO MUCH
PRESSURE
FOR HIM.

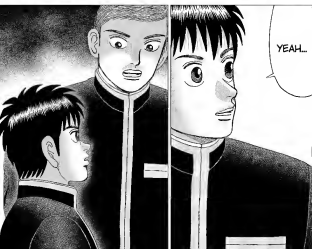


NABE-SAN IS
PATHETIC...

FOR
CRYING
OUT LOUD...



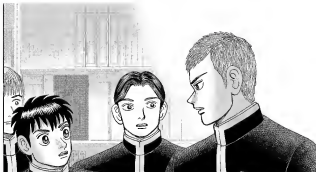
AFTER ALL,
IT'S ONLY
MONEY.





Z-ZAIKEN,
HOW COULD
YOU SAY
THAT?

"IT'S ONLY
MONEY"!





THERE'S
NOTHING WE
CAN DO BUT
SIT TIGHT
AND WAIT.



ANYWAY,
WHAT
SHOULD
WE DO,
KAMISHIRO-
SAN?



YOU'RE
JUST
GOING
TO
LEAVE
HIM BE?

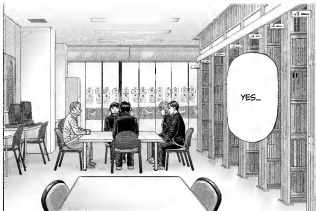


ZEN-SAN
ADVISED
US AT THE
TIME.

SOMETHING
LIKE THIS
HAPPENED
ONCE WHEN I
WAS IN THE
FIRST YEAR
OF JUNIOR
HIGH.



ZEN-SAN
DID?





HE'S
TALKING
ABOUT
KURODA-
KUN.



KAWASHIRO-
SAN SAID
SOMETHING
LIKE THIS
HAPPENED
WHEN HE
WAS IN THE
FIRST YEAR
OF JUNIOR
HIGH.



THE LONGEST
DISAPPEARANCE
TO DATE
HAS BEEN
MATSUOKA-
KUN'S. HE WAS
GONE FOR
ALMOST A
MONTH.

HE CAME
BACK
AFTER
FOUR
DAYS.



EVERYBODY,
ON YOUR
KNEES!

MATSUOKA-
SAN. HE'S THE
GUY THAT
DRILLED US
LIKE CRAZY
AT SUMMER
CAMP!



HE WAS
ABSENT THE
WHOLE TIME.
THIS
SCHOOL
HAS NEVER
BEEN STRICT
ABOUT
ATTENDANCE.



WHAT DID
HE DO
ABOUT
SCHOOL
WHILE HE
WAS
GONE?



IT'S
NEVER
CREATED A
PROBLEM
IN THE
PAST.

HE
PROBABLY
TOLD THEM
HE'S ON A
FIELD TRIP
OR SOME-
THING.



I HEARD
NABE-SAN
IS ABSENT
TODAY.



THE
SCHOOL
MIGHT BE
OKAY WITH
IT, BUT HIS
PARENTS
MUST BE
WORRIED.



MOST
LIKELY HE'S
HEADED IN
THE DOTO
DIRECTION.

HE'S
PROBABLY
TAKING A
TRAIN TRIP
THROUGH
HOKKAIDO.
IT'S THE
USUAL
PATTERN.



...ROMANTICIZING
THE IDEA
OF BEING A
WANDERER, AS
HE GAZES OUT
TO THE SEA OF
OKHOTSK.

WATANABE-
KUN IS
MOST
LIKELY..



THEN
YOU'LL
ALL BE
TACTFUL.

DON'T
WORRY..
HE'LL SHOW
UP HERE IN
TWO OR
THREE DAYS
AS IF
NOTHING HAD
HAPPENED.



I SEE.



IT GETS
PERSONALLY
WORRISOME
WHEN I
CONSIDER
THAT I'LL
EVENTUALLY
BECOME
CAPTAIN,
TOO.

I'M
RELIEVED
AFTER
HEARING
ZEN-SAN'S
STORY,
BUT...



I ALREADY
FEEL THE
PRESSURE OF
SHOULDERING
THE
RESPONSIBILITY
OF INVESTING
HUNDREDS OF
BILLIONS IN
CAPITAL.

I KNOW.
IT'S MY
TURN NEXT
YEAR.



THE CAPITAL
IS GOING
TO KEEP
INCREASING
YEAR AFTER
YEAR, WHICH
MEANS SO
WILL THE
PRESSURE.

I EMPATHIZE.
YOU'VE GOT
DOUBLE THE
PRESSURE,
BECAUSE
KAMISHIRO-
SAN'S
CHARISMATIC
LEADERSHIP IS A
HARD ACT TO
FOLLOW.



THE RULE
MIGHT HAVE
TO BE
DUMPED
EVENTUALLY.

WHICH MEANS
SOME STUDENTS
WILL EVENTUALLY
DECLINE THE ROLE
OF CAPTAIN, AND
THE RULE OF
AUTOMATICALLY
CHOOSING THE
SUCCESSOR
WON'T BE
FEASIBLE
ANYMORE.



AND
WHEN THAT
HAPPENS, THE
INVESTMENT
CLUB WILL
BE IN
DANGER.

THAT'S
ENTIRELY
POSSIBLE.



WE NEED TO
REVISE THE RULE
OF ASSIGNING
THE ROLE OF
CAPTAIN DURING
THE WINTER OF
THE SECOND
YEAR OF HIGH
SCHOOL, WITHOUT
CONSIDERING A
PERSON'S WILL
OR ABILITY.



MAYBE WE
NEED TO
DISCUSS A
REVISION.



WHAT
SHOULD
WE DO?



I THINK
THE IDEA OF
MANDATORY
ASSIGNMENT IS
UNREASONABLE.

IT'S
MISERABLE
FOR
SOMEBODY
WHO DOESN'T
HAVE THE
CONFIDENCE
TO HAVE TO
BECOME A
LEADER.



I AGREE...



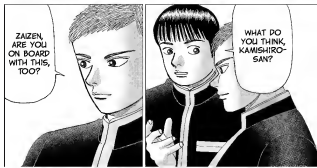
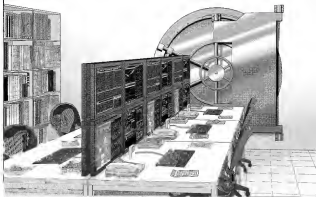
ON THE
BASIS OF
ABILITY
AND WILL.



I THINK THE
SUCCESSOR
SHOULD BE
PICKED ON THE
BASIS OF HIS
ABILITY AND WILL,
REGARDLESS OF
ACADEMIC YEAR
AND AGE.









PERSONALLY I
COULDN'T CARE
LESS ABOUT
REVISING THE
RULE, BUT I'M
GOING ALONG
WITH EVERYONE
BECAUSE IT'D BE
A HASSLE
OTHERWISE.



